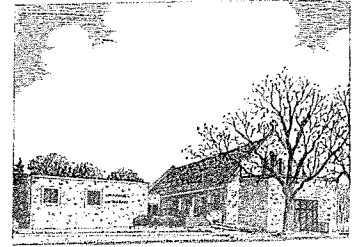


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Newsletter Article

Why do Christians go to church?

That is a good question, especially since over the past couple of years we have not been attending church regularly because of the Covid pandemic. We did not have services for a number of months because of Covid, not knowing what was going on and going to happen. When we did start having services again, many did not come to services because of the fear of getting Covid or many do not come because their routine on Sunday morning stopped and it is easy to stay home on Sunday morning now. We need to ask ourselves, why do I attend church services on Saturday or Sunday?

I would like to share with you a blog I read on the CPH Blog. This article is written by Katie Koplin.

If you ask Christians why they go to church, the answers will vary. We recently went through (some of us are still going through) a time when regular church attendance was not possible. It left many asking the question, "Why do we go to church?"

Why Do Christians Attend Church?

As we sink into fall routines, it's a good question to ask ourselves. Having a solid answer to this question will serve us well when other reasons we give fade away.

When I was growing up, my main

motivation for getting up on Sunday morning was to see my friends. Although fellowship and friendship are important pieces of the Christian life, they are not the reasons we go to church. Relationships can become strained, and difficulties arise. If this is our reasoning for gathering, when friendships fade, so does our reason for attending church.

Another answer given is, "I go to church to become a better person." Wanting to love and serve our neighbor well is admirable, but it's not the reason we go to church. If wanting to become better is the sole reason for church attendance, we will constantly be looking at ourselves or the actions of others around us. When we see our failures over and over again, or the failure of others, our reason for attending will disappear.

A third common response for going to church is, "It's what we do." Attending church on a regular basis will make it a habit. Bringing your kids also may start a generational legacy of church attendance, but going solely out of habit is not the reason we go to church.

The Creed Explains the Importance of

Church

The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed gives us a clear explanation for what the Church does and the reason why we go to church:

“I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen” (p. 144, Luther's Small Catechism).

“In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true” (p. 144, Luther's Small Catechism).

The Christian Church is the gathering place of all saints to hear the proclamation, “You are forgiven.”

Benefits and Blessings of Church Attendance

The reasons people give for church attendance are delightful benefits that flow from the purpose of the church. Things such as friends, becoming a better neighbor, and going to church regularly all flow from hearing about the forgiveness we have through Christ's death and resurrection. This forgiveness comes from both the Word of God and the reception of Christ's body and blood in the supper.

Friendships and fellowship are not the reason we go to church, but the people and the community are beneficial. The fellowship we have with other Christians is different from any other relationship we have. Our friendships in church are not rooted in opinions, political leanings, stages of life, or anything else that will fade away. They are rooted in Christ. Because of this, when relationships become strained, we are to continue gathering together at the

altar, confessing our sins, and hearing the declaration of forgiveness.

We will see our failures and the failures of others. Instead of becoming discouraged, we remember that we come to church to be forgiven of our failures, just as our neighbor does. Once again, we are free to go about in everyday service to others around us.

We do not go to church solely out of habit. Attending church regularly will create healthy patterns in your life and those of your children. But we go to church to be reminded of and to receive the forgiveness of sins, and then we eagerly wait until we can attend again.

Although we embrace all of the good that comes from going to church we must remember why the church exists and why we gather together. We are in desperate need of forgiveness and, “In this Christian Church He richly and daily forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.”

Written by Katie Koplin

Why do you attend Divine Service at church each week? We do because at the service in God's House we receive the blessings that He gives us in His Word and Sacraments. We receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life in heaven. Those are two very important blessings in our life on this earth.

I have heard a number of people say that I do not have to attend church to be a believer in Jesus Christ. I would say that is true, church attendance does not make you a believer. But you are missing out on the blessings God gives through His Word and Sacraments that are given in the Divine Service.

When you are not at the services in God's House, the Church, you miss hearing the absolution, the words, “I forgive you all of your sins,” you miss receiving the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins. When you are not in the services of God's House, we, the other believers present, miss you. We come together and support each other in the faith of Jesus Christ. When you are not present we miss hearing your voice singing the hymns, and reciting the liturgy.

When we come together and are at the services together we encourage and build one another up in the faith of Jesus Christ. When you are gone and not attending a service, you are not being built up in the faith and those who are there

miss out having your presence and your encouragement in the faith for them.

Stop and think about the questions, “Why do I attend church each week?” What is your answer?

I encourage you to be in God’s House at His Divine Service each week to receive the blessings He gives to you.

Blessings of forgiveness of sins and eternal life with Him in heaven. That is the most important reason to be in God’s House. May God bless our time together in His Word at the services of Immanuel.

God Bless and keep you.
Pastor Mueller

[Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (Colossians 1: 15-20 ESV)

The theme for our school year at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran School is taken from the book of Colossians, chapter 1, verses 15-20, where Paul reminds us that Christ is supreme over ALL THINGS!

While our world is increasingly chaotic and the daily news gives us more and more to fear, God’s Word comforts us with the authority of Christ. He is the one through whom and for whom all things were made. He holds all things together and heads up His church. He is Lord, master, and King of all creation.

Stewardship Corner

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, ‘Daddy, give me sixpence to buy you a birthday present.’ Of

The supremacy of Christ may comfort us Christians as we look out at the world, but we should notice that it is also a message of the LAW. God has all power. He is perfect, pure and holy. And we sinners are not worthy to be in His presence. Christ’s supremacy and authority is a fright to sinners who have broken God’s Law and sinned against their neighbors. We ask, “How will this one who has all authority in heaven on earth deal with me, a sinner?”

Thankfully, Paul provides the Gospel answer in this same text. In verse 20, Paul tells us that Christ used His authority to reconcile all things to himself and to make peace between God and humanity, by the shedding of His own blood on the cross. Christ uses His authority, in love, to forgive us and give us new life. Now that is good news!

Throughout this year in our devotions, chapels and classrooms, we will continue to teach that Christ is supreme over all things. I ask for your earnest prayers for our school, our staff, our students and their families. Pray for us and for the church as well, that we would all believe, confess and live in the light of Christ’s power and love, even in the middle of this very chaotic world.

Yours in Christ,
-Pastor Daugherty

course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child’s present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is sixpence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).”

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers – stewards – acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deut. 8:17–18) but also all that we are in this life (1 Cor. 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or

managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability. For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b). And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matt. 25:21).

from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands. On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours – not as stewards but as sons (Gal. 4:1-7). Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.

We have everything we need to support this body and life



Kenton Dietrich
Willetta Dye
Pierce Sanchez
Dean Tucker

Shane Dye
Dr. R. Craig
Dietrich
Frank Johns

Gary Trenkle
Grace Rose
Cap Brixius
Gary Hashman

Gene & Lue Nerland	9/2/1972
Lee & Kimberly Walker	9/4/2004
Martin & Shari Burney	9/8/1979
Jeremiah & Kerri Heusman	9/11/2004
John & Lora Herian	9/16/1994
Clint & Wanda Kruckenberg	9/26/1975



Thank you to those who delivered Meals on Wheels during the month of August.

Altar Flowers this month were from: Ryan & Lezlie Taylor's wedding and in memory of Kent Korth from Bob & Lori Swedeen, Aaron & Stephanie Korth, Caleb & Millisa Korth, Ethan & Jenny Korth and families.

ONGOING MISSION PROJECTS: Used bedding is needed by the quilters. Canceled postage stamps are needed for mission projects. Old eye glasses and outdated hearing aids are useful to others. Bedding may be left in the quilting room. Other items can be left in the cupboard under the guest book.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES. . .

Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 9 am Fellowship Hall.
Bible Break - Thursdays, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

MONTHLY LWML BIBLE STUDIES:

Lydia – Will meet on Wednesday, September 8th at 1:30 pm.
Martha – Will meet on Monday, September 13th at 6:00 pm
Tabitha – Will meet on Monday, September 27th at 6:00 pm.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: We invite your child to join us for Sunday School on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:15. The first day of Sunday School will be Sunday, September 12th. If your child plans on attending, please sign them up on the registration sheet in the narthex or contact Samantha Steinman at 760-2833 so we can get the proper amount of materials ordered.

September Duty Roster

Ushers: Saturday: Mr. Bart Dye & Mr. Chase Dye
 Sunday: Mr. Ron Brown & Mr. Owen Weber

Elders: Saturday: Mr. Tom Devoogd
 Sunday:

Date	Acolytes	Coffee Duty	Counters
September 4 th September 5 th	Miss Paige Jensen Mr. Lucas Weber	Jennifer Foster Judy & Teresa Dye	September 6 th Karen Kelly
September 11 th September 12 th	Miss Rozlyn Wills Miss Amelia Gibson	Nancy Scherbarth Sue Bartels	September 13 th Deb Grant
September 18 th September 19 th	Miss Avery Gomez Mr. Banyan Stark	Peggy Miles Marlene Stewart	September 20 th Deb Moore
September 25 th September 26 th	Miss Paige Jensen Miss Ayla Foster	Cindy Brown Virginia Dennison	September 27 th Starla Endsley

FALL MISSION FESTIVAL: September 12th there will be a zoom presentation by Dr. Daniel Jastram during Bible Study at 9:00 am. He is the Asia Lutheran Resource Coordinator in Japan. He works with missionaries and national churches to keep track of completed resources for teaching and practicing the faith: catechisms, liturgies, hymnals and theological resources.

Stewardship of the Word Daily Bible readings for the month:

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| 1. Ezekiel 9-12 | 5. Ezekiel 21-22 | 12. Ezekiel 40-42 | 19. Hosea 1-7 | 26. Nahum |
| 2. Ezekiel 13-15 | 6. Ezekiel 23-24 | 13. Ezekiel 43-45 | 20. Hosea 8-14 | 27. Habakkuk, |
| 3. Ezekiel 16-17 | 7. Ezekiel 25-27 | 14. Ezekiel 46-48 | 21. Joel | Zephaniah |
| 4. Ezekiel 18-20 | 8. Ezekiel 28-30 | 15. Daniel 1-3 | 22. Amos 1-5 | 28. Haggai |
| | 9. Ezekiel 31-33 | 16. Daniel 4-6 | 23. Amos 6-9 | 29. Zechariah 1-7 |
| | 10. Ezekiel 34-36 | 17. Daniel 7-9 | 24. Obadiah, Jonah | 30. Zechariah 8-14 |
| | 11. Ezekiel 37-39 | 18. Daniel 10-12 | 25. Micah | |

School News

Would you like to help our teachers get needed supplies in their classrooms? This year, it's even easier for you to help! Our teachers have created wish lists on Amazon of just what they would like to have for their students. Here are the links for our classrooms. Shop on Amazon and the items will ship directly to the school for you.

Miss Jill (P/PK) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/21PNDEJ1UOCBR>

Ms. Horn (K) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/6MYYLRT8TNK6>

Mrs. Walters (1st) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/27TDQLAUS4VL9>

Mrs. Hardin (2nd) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2HV6DOUJLZM6K>

Ms. Dye (3rd/4th) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1668N0CSB4W0>

Ms. Wisroth (5th) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/TFQHUQI04OV6>

Mrs. Scherbarth (6th) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Q4JRRAXFO5HH>

Mrs. Terrell (7th/8th) -

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7T0GCHJTT8MV>

The school is running its Dimock Dairy Cheese fundraiser through Labor Day. You can order through a student through Sept 2nd or online or at church through Sept 6th. Paper order forms will be available in the narthex and bible study. Delivery will be Sept 23rd at the school. Please come out and pick up your cheese after 3 pm. Students will deliver their orders. Order online with this link, <https://immanuevlutheran.mypaysimple.com/s/dimock-dairy-cheese-fundraiser>.

Happy Fall! (ALMOST) We are blessed to report that all out at the school is settling into a nice routine. Our new staff have blended in nicely and things seem to be going well. It's amazing to see the wonderful love the teachers have for the kids and for Jesus. We are again blessed with a wonderful group of students (120 in all) and very supportive parents.

Head Teacher/ Preschool-Miss Jill	Preschool Para- Ashley Rose
Kindergarten-Christa (Horn) Fulk	K-8 Para- Robyn Jensen
1 st grade- Danielle Walters	K-8 Para-Jamie Quick
2 nd grade- Courtney Hardin	K-8 Para- Becca Kolle
3 rd /4 th grade- Alyssa Dye & Wanda Morrison	Office Manager -Stephany Hausmann
5 th grade- Jesse Wisroth	Janitors- Shalissa and Jeff Schmidt
6 th grade- Carly Scherbarth	7 th /8 th grade- Rosie Terrell

Headmaster- Pastor Daugherty

We are excited to once again invite the public to join us for Chapel on Monday mornings at 8:05 and Thursday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. We are also excited to invite parents/ grandparents to join us for lunch if their schedule allows. It was wonderful to have the students and families join us for church on August 29th and they will again join us on Sept. 26th.

Dimock cheese is once again being sold at the school. Please call out to the school if you are interested in ordering some.

Please remember that Scrip is a wonderful way to help support our school. Please keep our school, staff and families in your prayers. Please pray for health, safety and wisdom to carry out this wonderful mission opportunity that you graciously provide for us! Blessed September!

Hello! Miss Horn report for kindergarten. So far this year, we have learned the sounds of the phonograms o, c, a, d, f, g, and s and how to write them correctly. In math, we have learned how to write the numbers 1-9 and are working with various types of math manipulatives! In religion, we learned about Creation and Adam and Eve. The kindergarten is enjoying attending devotions with the help of the 7th and 8th graders.

We are off to a great start with 3rd and 4th grade! It's a new thing for us to have these grades together and we are finding our balance. We are learning from each other and enjoying making new friends.

We've had some visitors in our classroom, including Byron Nordstrom, who taught us a lot about the US flag. Fourth graders are responsible for putting up and taking down the US flag each day. From flag pole fundamentals to history of the stars and stripes, Byron taught us many things about our responsibility.

We also had visitors from Illinois, Texas and Arizona. One of whom is a retired Spanish teacher. She shared a bilingual story with us. We were excited to use Latin to decode new and unfamiliar Spanish words in the story.

We've started getting postcards and the mail an exciting part of our day.

Miss Alyssa Dye



September BIRTHDAYS

9-1 - Jordan Klinkerman
 9-1 - Chris Eggink
 9-2 - Devin Garcia
 9-2 - Shalisa Schmidt
 9-2 - Casper Brixius
 9-4 - Alexandra Clear
 9-4 - Lenora Kolle
 9-5 - Carolyn Hoff
 9-6 - Phoenix Stich
 9-7 - Richie Stanec
 9-8 - Charlotte Schmidt
 9-8 - Jen Foster
 9-8 - Cara Tschacher
 9-9 - Robert Freeze
 9-9 - Matthew Peterson
 9-10 - Jennifer Dentler
 9-10 - Jason Eckhardt
 9-11 - Annabelle Lynn

9-11 - Roger Schnell
 9-11 - Kenton Dietrich
 9-14 - Kenneth Galinsky
 9-16 - Kimberly Eggers
 9-17 - Tamika Hoppes
 9-17 - Makayla Luce
 9-17 - Dillon Journey
 9-18 - Alyssa Dye
 9-19 - George Clear
 9-20 - Shirley Vogel
 9-12 - Judith Smith
 9-22 - Cody Boness
 9-22 - Kysen Harris
 9-22 - Peggy Jensen
 9-23 - Eden Foster

9-24 - James Collins
 9-24 - Heather Jones
 9-24 - Tom Lore
 9-24 - Roger Seidler
 9-24 - Wanda Morrison
 9-24 - Bridger Mischnick
 9-25 - Bart Dye
 9-26 - Noah Freeze
 9-26 - Betty Vaughn
 9-28 - Berlyn Clear
 9-28 - Frank Johns
 9-28 - Phoenix Steinman
 9-28 - Bradyn Palmer
 9-29 - Dezyrae Hausmann
 9-30 - Darius Clyburn
 9-30 - Alvin Fritzler
 9-30 - Ethan Korth
 9-30 - Marshall Sheldon



9-1 - Larry P. Schnell
 9-1 - Jack Evert
 9-1 - Kysen Harris
 9-1 - Darius Clyburn
 9-5 - Richard Toedtli
 9-6 - Matthew Luce
 9-7 - Chris Eggink
 9-8 - Joni Hudson
 9-8 - Elizabeth Lynn
 9-8 - Samantha Kresl
 9-8 - Jepsen Stark
 9-10 - Jonathan Fintel
 9-11 - Michael Eggink
 9-11 - Sophia Collett
 9-11 - Kimberly Walker
 9-11 - Wyatt Walker

9-11 - Kenneth Mount
 9-11 - Tate Smith
 9-12 - Lanny Schnell
 9-12 - Tessa Oestman
 9-14 - Cooper Heusman
 9-14 - Jason Rowley
 9-15 - Avery Gomez
 9-15 - Michelle Hunter
 9-15 - Jennifer Swanson
 9-15 - Vickie Henton
 9-17 - Megan Heath
 9-17 - Chris Seebohm
 9-17 - Shalisa Schmidt
 9-18 - Richie Stanec
 9-19 - Zachary Childers
 9-19 - Jen Foster

9-20 - Bob Mischnick
 9-23 - Brandi Pohlman
 9-23 - Starla Endsley
 9-24 - Brooklyn Crowley
 9-24 - Samantha Steinman
 9-25 - Alexandra Clear
 9-25 - Leah Krebs
 9-25 - Heather Jones
 9-26 - Evangeline Failor
 9-26 - Aubrey Schledewitz
 9-26 - Jakob Schledewitz
 9-26 - Teri Schledewitz
 9-27 - Kelli Richter
 9-28 - Jordan Klinkerman
 9-29 - Matthew Peterson